

King County 4-H

Clover Courier



Agents Corner

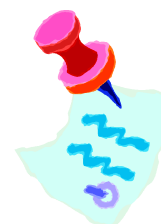
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A NEW YEAR AND NEW POSSIBILITIES

I hope this message finds you refreshed and invigorated for 2005. We have made it to another year and that is something to be thankful for in these sometimes turbulent times. It is my hope that the work ahead of us in this new year will be exciting and fun for each of us associated with the 4-H program. I encourage you to make this year the best year ever for you and your family. In addition, the 4-H office will work to make your interactions with us positive and inspiring.

We continue to make progress on our new initiatives as described below:

- **4-H KNOW YOUR KING COUNTY GOVERNMENT**
- **4-H ALIGNMENT OF CLUBS BY COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS**
- **4-H COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**



Each of these initiatives and other outreach efforts by the staff will have significant positive impact for the 4-H program in King County. They are designed to provide to you, policy makers and other stakeholders our attempt to increased visibility, program diversity, and the prudent use of taxpayer dollars. I will provide more details about these efforts in later correspondence with you.

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I pledge to you that our expansion efforts will not diminish the responsiveness to your needs as members and volunteers. You are the foundation that makes 4-H the strongest youth development program in the country. Without your hard work and unselfish volunteering, the 4-H program could not survive. You are the ones that carry the load for delivering the 4-H mission. Which is to help foster young people to become responsible, capable, caring and contributing members of society.

Sincerely,

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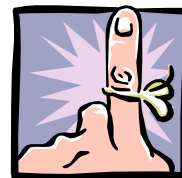
Reminders

Has your club turned in enrollments?

Please don't hold up all of them because you are waiting for a few.

Has your club paid their Association dues??

This is a requirement for King County Fair attendance.



Call for Super Saturday Workshops

March 5, 2005

E-mail to Dianne Heath mailto:lighthousehdh@comcast.net by January 24

Workshop name and description

Name and phone # of presenter

Notice of any cost that will be need to be reimbursed to presenter

If there is to be a reimbursement, a fee will be charged to workshop participants



Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 20, 2005	Project meetings All Projects	Extension Office 7:00 PM
Jan 22 or 23, 2005	County Level KYG Training	Extension Office 8 A.M to 8 P.M.
Jan 27, 2005	Superintendent's Meeting	7:00 Extension Office
Feb 8, 2005	Money Matters Class	6:30 Extension Office
Feb 12-14, 2005	Know Your Government State Conference	Olympia
Mar 5, 2005	Super Saturday	Extension Office
March 19, 2005	Small Farms Expo	King County Fairgrounds
July 20-24, 2005	King County Fair	The interim Fair Manager is Sharon Roberts

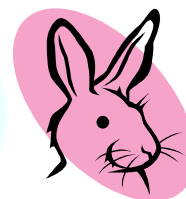
Jim's Quiltathon

On Dec 29th, eight youth and six adults came to the 4-H office to participate in Jim's Quiltathon. From 3:00 to 8:00 PM (with a break for a delicious dinner) everyone was cutting, sewing, tying quilts and having fun getting to know someone new. Jim will be making a Valentine donation to a charity of **Thirty** quilts. So, great big bushels of giants clovers to all those who participated and especially to Jim for organizing this event. It was a great success. Those participating were: Youth; Kamille Berquist, Adalyn Berquist, Kira Trojack, Lexi Kirchner-Dixon, Electra Zielski, Robin Grant, Emily Peel, and exchange student from Vietnam, Huyen Nguyen, Adults; Jim Olson, Floy Ziegler, Kena Berquist, Isabelle Moe, Tiffany Kirschner-Dixon and Louise Ness.



Rabbit Project News

The Rabbit leaders of King County will be hosting their first Leaders Rabbit Show during the Small Farms Expo on March 19th at the King County Fairgrounds in Enumclaw. The project has a new leader. Kim Connolly of Pet Partner's 4-H Club has agreed to coordinate the Rabbit Project which has been without a leader for two years. Thank you to Kim.



The show flyer will be posted soon in the weekly email from the 4-H office, so keep your eyes open.

Carey Roos Is Traveling To Africa



I will be traveling to Rwanda, Africa for a 4-H Technology Project as part of a team of 6 people. We will be focusing on technology and working with 20 high school youth in Kigali, Rwanda and the new computers they are receiving. Ultimately the country will receive 4000 computers for their schools and will set up computer labs. We will be training the youth to teach other youth about computers. Our group will be leaving on February 3rd and return to Seattle on February 20th.

The group will be keeping a blog of our trip. Before I leave I will send out an email of the blog web address if you want to follow us along on our trip!



Clover Courier is sent via the KING4H list serve each month. Archived copies of previous Months "Clover Courier" are available on the King County 4-H web site:
<<http://www.metrokc.gov/wsu-ce/4-H/>>.

Please send submissions by the first Wednesday of each month to Wayne Heath, care of King County 4-H Office, or <mailto:wheath4@comcast.net>

Girls' Circle Training

Kevin Wright



The Washington School Age Care Alliance (WASACA) is offering Girls' Circle Facilitator Training, March 3-4, 2005, at the Phinney Ridge Neighborhood Center in Seattle. Girls' Circle Facilitator Training--Promoting Resiliency in Adolescent Girls--is a training workshop that provides a comprehensive course on the Girls' Circle model for participants of all experience levels and solidly sets the foundation for implementing dynamic gender-specific program via girls' circle support groups. For more information on Girls' Circle, please visit their website at <http://www.girlscircle.com>. Contact Kevin at <mailto:wrightkc@wsu.edu> or phone 253-445-4612 for a training outline and registration brochure.

Get Your Club Ready for a Financial Review



What is the Financial Peer Review Committee and what are they doing?

The committee is a group of friendly volunteers who want to help 4-H clubs understand how to manage their club's money and provide assistance when needed. Since this is new to our County, we are beginning by obtaining basic information to find out what the needs are and where we can help. There are many ways to meet the basic objectives and your club may have ideas that can help other clubs.

What you can do now

- 1) Fill out the "Annual Financial Summary Report" in the first quarter of 2005 for the year ending 9/30/2004, review the results with your club and turn in to the Committee for verification of completion. (page 24 to 26 in publication C1059)
- 2) Find out if your club has its own unique Federal ID number. If not, you can request a SS-4 form from the extension office and apply for one this year.
- 3) Attend a Money Matters class to learn about handling club funds

Unless you are part of the pilot program, that's all you need to do this year but here are some things you can think about as you handle your funds throughout the year:

- 1) How does your club approve spending?
 - Approved budget?
 - Documented motions?
 - Committees with authority?
 - Other?
 - Is there more than one person involved in writing a check?
- 2) How do you document your transactions?
 - Do you keep receipts?
 - Are they organized?
 - Do you know who the money into your account came from?
- 3) How do you and your club know how much money you have?
 - Do you keep a register?
 - Do you reconcile bank statements?
 - Do you share the information with the club?

Let's make this a fun and educational experience for all of us!

4-H Scholarship Opportunity Reminder

Kevin Wright



Washington State 4-H members, who are seniors in high school or completing their GED, are eligible for 16 different scholarships offered by Washington State 4-H. Please note that there are two different sets of criteria for the scholarships.

In conjunction with the WSU College of Agricultural, Human, & Natural Resource Sciences, we are excited to offer four Washington State University 4-H \$1,500 scholarships: two for achievement in Leadership and two for achievement in Citizenship/Community Service. Each of these scholarships are worth \$1,500 toward tuition in a student's freshman year at Washington State University, College of Agricultural, Human, & Natural Resource Sciences.

Applicants for the Leadership and Citizenship/Community Service Scholarships, will first be considered for the College of Agricultural, Human, & Natural Resource Sciences Dean's Merit Award worth \$3,000. To be eligible, a youth must complete a Washington State University Scholarship Application and the WSU/CAHNRS 4-H State Scholarship Supplemental Information. Applications must arrive by **January 31, 2005**.

The other Washington 4-H scholarships require a completed 4-H Scholarship Application and Washington State 4-H Scholarship Supplemental Application Information. Each applicant will be considered for all Washington State 4-H scholarships. These applications must be postmarked by **March 1, 2005**. These scholarships may be used at any institution offering post-secondary education.

This year 4-H Dairy members in their senior year of high school have the opportunity to compete for two \$500 scholarships, sponsored by the Washington State 4-H Foundation Dairy Endowment.

For more information visit the scholarship website: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm>.

4-H Name/Emblem Guidelines

Pat BoyEs



USDA/CSREES has updated the graphic standards for the use of the 4-H name and emblem. The Using the 4-H Name and Emblem guide is a quick reference handout that discusses many of the important guidelines about appropriate and legal use of the 4-H name and emblem. The guide is available online at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/library/4-Hguidelines-v4-26-04.pdf>. The official 4-H Emblem and the versions for print are available for download on the National 4-H Headquarters website at http://national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm